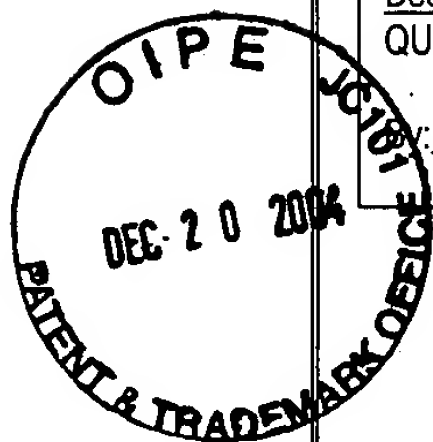


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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2004, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on July 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months;
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination; and
- 3) Exhibit A – Qiagen Plasmid Maxi Kit Product Information.

Please amend the specification and claims as shown herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.